

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron**

December 9, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 4, as introduced, Waldron. Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 76 in the County of San Diego as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a real cowboy and cattle  
2 rancher, who embraced the values of the Old West, but also  
3 understood the demands and markets of today's world; and  
4 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was part owner of Homegrown  
5 Cattle Company, Homegrown Meats, My Country Club Hunting  
6 Ranch, and La Jolla Butcher Shop in La Jolla; and  
7 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a man who was quiet, but  
8 friendly, dependable, resourceful, devoted to his family, and always  
9 ready to help someone who needed it; and  
10 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's family history dates back to the  
11 first homesteaders of the Palomar Mountain area in the mid-1800s;  
12 and

1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's work ethic was based on doing  
2 what was needed to get the job done, never punching a clock, often  
3 working well into the night in all kinds of weather, and  
4 demonstrating self-sufficiency and a willingness to be there for  
5 others who needed help; and

6 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall always knew where the bass were  
7 biting, the eagles were nesting, the turkeys were roosting, the big  
8 bucks were in rut, or where a mountain lion might be prowling;  
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10 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was comfortable on a good horse,  
11 skilled at roping and wielding a branding iron, and enjoyed  
12 competition between himself and his dad for big buck bragging  
13 rights; and

14 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was always the first to help a  
15 young lady bag her first deer, an old hunter drag out a downed  
16 buck, or offer amazingly detailed instructions on where to set up  
17 for opening day of turkey season; and

18 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall died in a tragic ranching accident  
19 on September 2, 2013, at 30 years of age; and

20 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall is survived by his wife, Jenna,  
21 his three young daughters, and his parents, Frank and Janice  
22 Mendenhall, and will be missed by his family and many friends,  
23 outdoorsmen, ranchers, business partners, and the community of  
24 which he was a treasured part; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
27 portion of State Highway Route 76 from post mile 43.25 to the  
28 eastern intersection of State Highway Route 76 and County Road  
29 S6, also called Palomar Mountain Road, at post mile 38.25, in the  
30 County of San Diego, as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway;  
31 and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
33 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
34 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
35 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
36 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
37 further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3     for appropriate distribution.

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